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RENEWED REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

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Dear Sir:

Applicant wishes to renew the request for a Corrected Filing Receipt that recognizes the claim for priority in the provisional application serial number 60/411.762. filed September 19, 2002.

September 19, 2003 is considered a "Federal Holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. § 21 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 2.2(D), 2.195, and 2.196 on account of the closure of the United States Patent and Trademark Office due to Hurricane Isabel. Attached is a copy of this notice as published in the Official Gazette of October 21, 2003. Therefore, our filing of the above-noted non-provisional application on Monday, September 22, 2003 is to be considered timely for our claim of priority. We request reconsideration and granting of our Request for a Corrected Official Filing Receipt, copy attached, with the data for the Domestic Priority information included.

If a fee is due in connection with this request, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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